Crimes Rate in Delhi

1171. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:
SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rate of crime in Delhi is on the increase; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken by Government to check this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) No, Sir. The number of IPC related cases reported in Delhi during the year 1999 was 58701 as against 64900 cases reported during the preceding year. Similary, the number of such cases reported during the first six months of the current year was 27481 as against 28368 cases reported during the immediately preceding six months.

(b) The steps taken to check crime in the National Capital Territory of Delhi include *inter-alia,* intensification of beat patrolling; posting of armed pickets strategic points; strengthening of intelligence network; close watch on the frequent raids at the suspected hide-outs of criminals and terrorists; verification of antecendents of domestic servants; increased surveillance on history sheeters; coordination meetings with officers of neighbouring States; meetings with members of Residents Welfare Associations; formation of anti-terrorist cell in each police district; and deployment of police personnel in plain clothes in running buses, market places, business places and other crime-prone places.

Release of Hurriyat Leaders

†1172. PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have released Hurriyat leaders; if so, the number of leaders who have been released and the basis and purpose of releasing them;

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